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**Written Testimony of Judi Friedman, Chair:
PACE (PEOPLE'S ACTION FOR CLEAN
ENERGY, INC.)**

**Before the Connecticut General Assembly
Energy and Technology Committee
March 15, 2011**

**Written Testimony concerning Senate Bill 1, AN
ACT CONCERNING ENERGY POLICY AND
FINANCE**

Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello and members of the Committee, thank you for considering my testimony. It is very heartfelt and based on my environmental energy experience of organizing solar tours in Connecticut since 1975. Throughout these years I have observed the growth of the solar industry and the tremendous interest that the public has shown. Thousands and thousands of people have attended our tours and used the knowledge gained by their experience to create homes that utilize both passive and active solar systems.

This year the crowning achievement is exemplified in our May tour in Killingworth... a perfectly beautiful New England classic house that is NET ZERO ENERGY. Using passive solar systems and active solar hot water for domestic hot water and heating plus geothermal heating and cooling coupled with extremely energy-efficient design this home marks a turning point in Connecticut energy history.

This house is not in Arizona or Florida; it thrives in Connecticut. It is an example of energy systems that are home-grown, create state jobs, don't release fossil fuel pollutants and don't demand costly oil or gas technologies.

I urge you to support the solar industry in this state. I am thrilled by the embrace of the solar industry in Massachusetts and New Jersey. I believe Connecticut does not have to fall behind...because I have personally witnessed the success of truly clean energy and the deep enthusiasm of the public for safe, sane, clean, homegrown solar technology.

Judi Friedman - Chair
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